

CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

APRIL NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message

HELLO AMAZING CES FAMILIES...WELCOME TO APRIL!

I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A RESTFUL AND RELAXING SPRING BREAK WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

ON MARCH 21ST THE DISTRICT HELD A "PUMPING UP FOR KINDERGARTEN" EVENT AT NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. IF YOU HAVE A CHILD ENTERING KINDERGARTEN, PLEASE REGISTER WITH OUR SECRETARY, TRACI BROWN.

A FEW HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS FOR PARENTS...

- OUR LOST AND FOUND HAS ACCUMULATED MANY ITEMS INCLUDING COATS, SWEATSHIRTS, ETC. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND IF THEY ARE MISSING ANY ITEMS.
- MAKE SURE YOU SEND A WATER BOTTLE WITH YOUR CHILD EACH DAY, ESPECIALLY AS THE DAYS BECOME WARMER.
- BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH ACCOUNT FOR FUNDS. MONEY CAN BE DEPOSITED INTO ACCOUNTS IN PERSON OR ONLINE.
- CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BOOK BAG EVERY DAY FOR COMPLETED WORK, IMPORTANT NOTES, REMINDERS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS, ETC.

AS ALWAYS, WE APPRECIATE THE HOME-SCHOOL CONNECTION AND OPEN COMMUNICATION. PLEASE CALL US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

IMPORTANT DATES:

APRIL 24 - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DAY

APRIL 25 - MID TRIMESTER 3

PLEASE JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

FACEBOOK [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CLAYTONELEMENTARYSCHOOL](https://www.facebook.com/ClaytonElementarySchool)

INSTAGRAM @CLAYTON_EAGLES

SCHOOL WEBSITE [HTTPS://WWW.SMYRNA.K12.DE.US/ CES](https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/CES)



A NOTE FROM ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL, MR. DAWS

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO WELCOME SPRING...THE WARMER DAYS, THE LONGER EVENINGS, AND ALL THE FUN ACTIVITIES THAT COME ALONG WITH IT. AS OUR STUDENTS BEGIN TO PARTICIPATE IN MORE OUTDOOR, AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF THERE IS A CHANGE TO HOW YOUR STUDENT WILL BE GOING HOME, PLEASE COMMUNICATE THIS WITH THEIR TEACHER AND OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TRACI BROWN AT TRACI.BROWN@SMYRNA.K12.DE.US

ALSO, SPRING IS AN EXCELLENT TIME TO REVIEW YOUR STUDENT'S LUNCH ACCOUNT. IF THERE IS AN OUTSTANDING BALANCE, YOU CAN BRING YOUR ACCOUNT CURRENT BY USING CASH AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE, SENDING IN A CHECK TO THE CAFETERIA, OR GOING ONLINE AND USING A DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD. THE LINK TO ACCESSING THE ONLINE PAYMENT SITE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE OR HERE [HTTPS://SMYRNA.HEALTHELIVING.NET/WHAT-WE-DO/MEAL-PAYMENTS/](https://smyrna.healtheliving.net/what-we-do/meal-payments/)

AS ALWAYS, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, WE ARE HERE TO WORK WITH YOU. THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE HOME AND SCHOOL IS CRITICAL FOR STUDENT SUCCESS.



CES students had great lessons throughout the building last month focusing on feelings in kindergarten and first grade, self-esteem in second grade, circle of control, resiliency, and friendship in third grade during SEL related arts, and conflict resolution in fourth grade. Along with social/emotional and academic development, school counselors are responsible for the development of college and career readiness and awareness. While one might think elementary school is too young of an age to start these discussions, I feel it is the perfect time to get the wheels turning and think about potential and possibilities. During the month of April, students in all grade levels will be introduced to the world of work. We will discuss the jobs and careers in our community, tools used in different jobs and careers, the difference between a job and a career, exploration into how our current hobbies/interests can lead to a job or career that we will enjoy, and how all careers begin here in school with a solid education. We will also talk about how those essential skills we practice now like cooperation, collaboration, managing feelings, stress reduction, perseverance, conflict resolution, and time management will help us throughout our journey in the world of work. This is one of my favorite lessons to dive into because I love seeing students making connections between school and the world of work and realizing that their potential is endless. As always, if you have any SEL related questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out via email at sarah.yatskevich@smyrna.k12.de.us or via phone at 653-8587.

Mrs. Massey's Reading Review



Let's Spring into Reading! I am immensely proud of the students that completed the Spring Break Reading Challenge. They will be rewarded with an extra recess and a special treat.

While the end of the school year is in sight, it is also far enough away that it can be a challenge keeping your children engaged in reading. If you noticed your child is losing interest in reading, try one of the ways below to help them stay engaged as they finish the school year:

- **Let Them Choose** - For families, empowering their children to pick their reading materials, whether it is classic novels, graphic novels, or picture books, is essential for keeping them engaged after the break. It is perfectly fine if they opt for books below their reading level; sometimes, revisiting an old favorite can be quite comforting. Encourage them to choose books that excite them, as the most crucial thing is that they maintain their interest in reading.
- **Ensure Access to Books** – Even though your child has access to books on the ARC bookshelf, sometimes having a physical book in hand can ignite their interest. Visit your local library for a wider selection of books.
- **Set a Goal** – Let your child choose one book or a set of books and read it together as a family. Engage in discussions about the book(s) – sharing favorite characters, plot twists, or differing opinions. If there is a book that has been adapted into a movie, consider watching it after your child has finished reading as a fun reward.
- **Drop Everything and READ!** - By letting your child witness you immersed in a book or magazine, you help instill the understanding that reading is a valuable and enriching part of daily life. Consider dedicating time each day for a family version of **Drop Everything and READ**, and dive into a book of your own!



Tournament of Books Results

During the month of March, the classes at CES participated in a Tournament of Books. The tournament began with sixteen children's books (Sweet Sixteen). Each day, classes listened to a read-aloud for one of the books. On the days of voting, the students choose between two books in that day's round of the bracket. Whichever book had the most votes moved on to the next round! The next rounds of voting left us with eight books (Elite Eight), then four books (Final Four), and then the final two books. We are excited to announce The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors as the winner of the Tournament of Books!



Spring is here! **Allergy Season is Upon Us!**

Tips to Manage Your Allergies

- **Shower after being outdoors:** to remove pollen you pick up outside, take a shower and change your clothes.
- **Minimize indoor pollen:** Keep your windows shut and use your AC or a HEPA purifier to filter allergens.
- **Check the Weather:** Learn when conditions such as the wind increase pollen levels, so you can prepare.
- **Know your allergy relief options:** From medications to nasal sprays, talk to your doctor about your options.
- **If you are at risk for anaphylaxis, keep your epinephrine auto-injectors with you at all times:** Epinephrine is the only treatment for a severe allergic reaction. It is only available through a prescription from your doctor. Each prescription comes with two auto-injectors in a set

Asthma/Allergy Action Plans: Seasonal Allergy and Asthma Action Plans are important to review and update with your health care provider and a copy should be on file at school, as well as a rescue inhaler (if prescribed). Learn what your child's triggers are – pollen, grass, molds, temperature changes, exercise, smoke, perfume, pesticides – so that they can avoid those triggers.

Be sure to take prescribed allergy medications as indicated to get your day started right!

You can check daily particulate counts at the end of most televised weather reports. You may also go to the following websites:

<https://www.aafa.org/prevent-allergies>

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/us/clayton/19938/allergies-weather/2218438>

For more information about air pollutions visit:

<https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hsp/hhinside.html>

<https://archive.epa.gov/region02/capp/web/pdf/ppcpflyer.pdf>

Spring Cleaning: In addition to your regular spring cleaning chores, consider adding some that will make your home a little safer for your kids, such as changing your smoke detector batteries, cleaning out your medicine cabinet, checking product recalls, and looking for broken toys, etc.

STOP FLUSHING YOUR OLD MEDICATIONS! Safely dispose of unused, expired, or unwanted medications at collection sites across Delaware.

Atlantic Apothecary 103 S Dupont Blvd #2, Smyrna, DE 19977 302-653-9355

Smyrna Police Dept. 325 W. Glenwood Ave. Smyrna, DE 19977 302-653-9217

Student OF THE MONTH

| KINDERGARTEN | 1 ST GRADE | 2 ND GRADE | 3 RD GRADE | 4 TH GRADE |
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| AUDREY ASCIONE | AUBREY GOODE | GRACELYN JESTER | SAVANNAH BAYLIS | CADEN CARUTHERS |
| EMMIE DONOVAN | ETHAN FREEMAN | ZACHARIAH KAVLESKI | MADISON JUSTICE | ELIJAH GRANDE |
| ELYSE JOHNSON | ABIGAIL HERNE | CLARA PETRUCCI | DYLAN MANCINI | AMBER KULHANEK |
| OUSMANE TOUNKARA | KYLEE MANN | TYLER WEBB | PEYTON MCCONNELL | MIA WEBB |
| | MASON VANHORN | | TOMI OGUNDARE | |